### Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

**Division of Motorist Services**

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**DESCRIPTION AND USE:**

This procedure provides information and instructions to assist tax collector employees, license plate agents and the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles in the issuance of amphibious vessel registrations.

### I. PROVISIONS OF LAW:

**Section 328.48(2), Florida Statutes**, requires each vessel operated, used or stored on the waters of this state to be registered either as a commercial or recreational vessel as defined in **Section 327.02, Florida Statutes** unless it meets one of the exemptions set forth in **Section 328.48(2), Florida Statutes**. Refer to **VSRS-14**, Vessel Registration Exemptions, for a complete list of vessel registration exemptions.

**Section 328.03(1)(g), Florida Statutes**, exempts amphibious vessels from being issued a vessel title if a motor vehicle title has been issued.

### II. DOCUMENTATION AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

**A.** If an amphibious vessel is not required to be issued a motor vehicle title, it must be registered and titled as a vessel.

Assign a Florida registration number and issue a registration certificate and a decal.

For instructions on vessel titling procedures, see Procedure **TL-10**.

**B.** If the amphibious vessel has a motor vehicle title and needs to be registered as a vessel, submit the following to the tax collector's office or license plate agency:

Form **HSMV 87244**, "Application to Register Non-Titled Vessels", accurately completed. Attach a copy of the motor vehicle title to the application.

Assign a Florida registration number and issue a registration certificate and decal (commercial and recreational).

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**Revision(s) to this Procedure:** Statutory review. Added links to statutes and form. Added Historical Revisions section

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